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HIV- INFECTIONS IN YOUNG PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether 40,000 cases of HIV-infections have been recorded in Manipur in young people between the age group 18 to 24 years as mentioned by the Director, National AIDS Control Organisation recently; and

(b) if so, the details of the study report, based on which, such a huge number of HIV-infections in this age group has been recorded?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) As per the size estimation exercise undertaken for formulating the third phase of National AIDS Control Programme, there are an estimated 28,086 Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) in the state of Manipur. The annual sentinel surveillance conducted among IDUs showed HIV infection rate ranging from 39% to 21%in the last four years. Considering this trend of HIV prevalence among IDUs, a cumulative total number of HIV infected persons in the State may vary from 23,520 to 43,680 during the last four years. Most IDUs are approximately 20 years of age as per survey done in 2004.

(b) This estimation is based on the following studies:

Size estimation studies conducted for NACP III

Annual Sentinel Surveillance Report 2005

National Household Survey conducted by UNODC & MSJE in 2004.